

2015 WILDFLOWER FORAY

Hike & Program Schedule

Friday, April 24

1. **9:00 a.m. Wildflowers at Selma Steele Nature Preserve**
Wildflower author Kay Yatskievych and DNR Nature Preserves Ecologist Tom Swinford will lead wildflower walks in and around this lovely state nature preserve. Choose from 2 ½ to 3-hour MODERATE or RUGGED hikes. Meet at Location A.
2. **9:00 a.m. Spring's Promise**
Join DNR Naturalist Jim Eagleman for a 2-hour MODERATE flora hike through the cool ravines and warming hillsides of the Lake Strahl watershed. Meet at Location C.
3. **1:00 p.m. Ridges of Lucas Hollow**
Join DNR Interpretive Naturalist Jill Vance for an off-trail trek through lands managed by Monroe Lake and Yellowwood State Forest. Explore this varied area on a 1 ½-hour RUGGED hike. Meet at Location E.
4. **1:00 p.m. Butterflies at Allen's Creek**
Jeff Belth, author of *Butterflies of Indiana, a Field Guide*, and Monroe Co. Parks & Rec Naturalist Sandy Belth will lead a 1 ½-hour MODERATE walk to identify butterflies and larval host plants important to these "flying flowers." Meet at Location F.
5. **3:30 p.m. Waldrip Cabin Hike**
Join forester Teena Ligman and botanist Cheryl Coon of Hoosier National Forest for a 2-hour MODERATE hike to the historic Waldrip Cabin. This now-abandoned cabin built in 1877 is nestled among the ridge tops near Monroe Lake. Meet at Location B.
6. **3:30 p.m. Hot Hills, Cool Valleys**
Search for wildflowers, ferns and fascinating fungi as you explore ridge tops and valleys with Interpretive Naturalist David Mow. For this 1 ½-2 hour, MODERATE hike through the northernmost section of Brown County State Park, meet at Location L.
7. **7:30 p.m. Night Life at Stone Head**
The evening comes alive with the sounds of wildlife! Explore the Zimmerman Wetland Bird Habitat at Stone Head Nature Preserve with owner Mike Kelley on this 2-hour EASY evening stroll. Wear appropriate footwear for marshy areas! Meet at Location G.

Saturday, April 25

8. **7:30 a.m. Early Birds at T.C. Steele**

Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them! Sassafra Audubon birder David Rupp will lead a 2-hour MODERATE walk in the forest near the Steele home. Expect to find migrating warblers, tanagers, grosbeaks and thrushes searching for food in the budding oaks. Meet at **Location A.**

9. **9:00 a.m. Wildflowers at Winslow Woods**

Wildflower fans, enjoy a stunning array of spring blossoms at Winslow Woods. Bloomington Parks & Rec Education Specialist Josh Nickelson will be your guide for this EASY, 1 ½ -hour walk. Meet at **Location K.**

10. **9:00 a.m. Monroe Lake Backwaters**

Take a boat trip with DNR Wildlife Specialist Rex Watters to enjoy wetlands wildflowers and wildlife, maybe even see a bald eagle. Bring a life jacket if you have one, plus water and a sack lunch—the trip will last into the afternoon. Boats will stop at several spots to explore, so wear boots and old clothes! **Pre-registration required** at 812-988-2785, limited to 25 people. You **MUST** be nimble enough to climb in and out of small watercraft. Meet at **Location E.**

11. **10:00 a.m. Ice Age Relicts at Trevlac Bluffs**

Step back in time with Cathy Meyer of Monroe Co. Parks & Rec, as you hike through oak forest to a stand of Eastern hemlocks: reminders of an ecosystem common thousands of years ago. **Pre-registration required** at 812-988-2785, limited to 20 people. Participants will carpool to a TNC/SLT property for a 2-hour, MODERATE hike. Meet at **Location J.** 39.229760 86.415956

12. **1:00 p.m. Focus on Wildflowers**

Award-winning photographer and nature lover Richard Fields will lead an EASY 2-hour photography excursion. Bring your camera for tips on capturing the best images of spring's beauties. **Pre-registration required** at 812-988-2785, limited to 20 people. Meet at **Location A.**

13. **1:00 p.m. Ogle Hollow Hike**

Ogle Hollow Nature Preserve is one of the richest coves in Brown County, with a profusion of wildflowers, ferns and the rare Yellowwood tree. DNR Ecologist Tom Swinford and Brittany Swinford of the Eagle Creek Ornithology Center will lead a 1 ½- to 2-hour hike into the hollow, identifying plants and early migrating songbirds. Meet at **Location D.**

14. **1:00 p.m. Wildflowers and their Pollinators**

Retired biology professor Leslie Bishop will lead a 2-hour MODERATE stroll to explore wildflower valley. Identify wildflowers, and learn about the importance of native pollinating insects and host plants. Meet at **Location A.**

15. **3:30 p.m. Spring Teas and Tonics**

Spring is a time for rejuvenation! Take a 1 ½-hour EASY walk on the park's Easy Access trail with Master Naturalist Susan Douglas, and learn about plants used for therapeutic brews. End with a refreshing sip of spring. Meet at **Location H.** **ACCESSIBLE**

16. **3:30 p.m. Creek Walk**

Join "Moment of Science" radio personality Don Glass and botanical illustrator Gillian Harris, for a 1 ½-hour EASY walk along a stream in the Schooner Valley. Participants will identify a wide variety of wildflowers that flourish in and around the park's creeks and valleys. Meet at **Location I.**

17. **3:30 p.m. Wild Hyacinth Hike**

Botanist Cheryl Coon and forester Teena Ligman of Hoosier National Forest will lead a 2-hour MODERATE hike along a unique limestone ridge in the Charles C. Deam Wilderness Area looking for wild hyacinths. **Pre-registration is required**, call HNF office at 812-275-5987. Limited to 18 participants. Carpool from **Location B.**

18. **6:00 p.m. Flowers, Friends and Food**

Join fellow forayers for good food, good company, and a silent auction to support the Foray. Cost is \$10 per person for your dinner, payable to Friends of T.C. Steele. **Reservations required** at 812-988-2785. Meet at **Location D.** **ACCESSIBLE**

19. **7:30 p.m. "Let me tell you 'bout the Birds and the Bees..."**

"... and the flowers and the trees..." Wildflower author Kay Yatskievych will summarize the 2015 wildflower count as dessert and beverages are enjoyed. Retired biology professor Leslie Bishop will present a program highlighting the importance of native pollinating insects in preserving species and habitat. Meet at **Location D** **ACCESSIBLE**

Sunday, April 26

20. **10:00 a.m. Wander the Wilderness**

Explore Hoosier National Forest's Hayes Trail in the Charles C. Deam Wilderness Area with forester Teena Ligman and naturalist Cathy Meyer. Bring lunch and water for this 4-hour MODERATE hike. **Pre-registration is requested**, call HNF office at 812-275-5987.

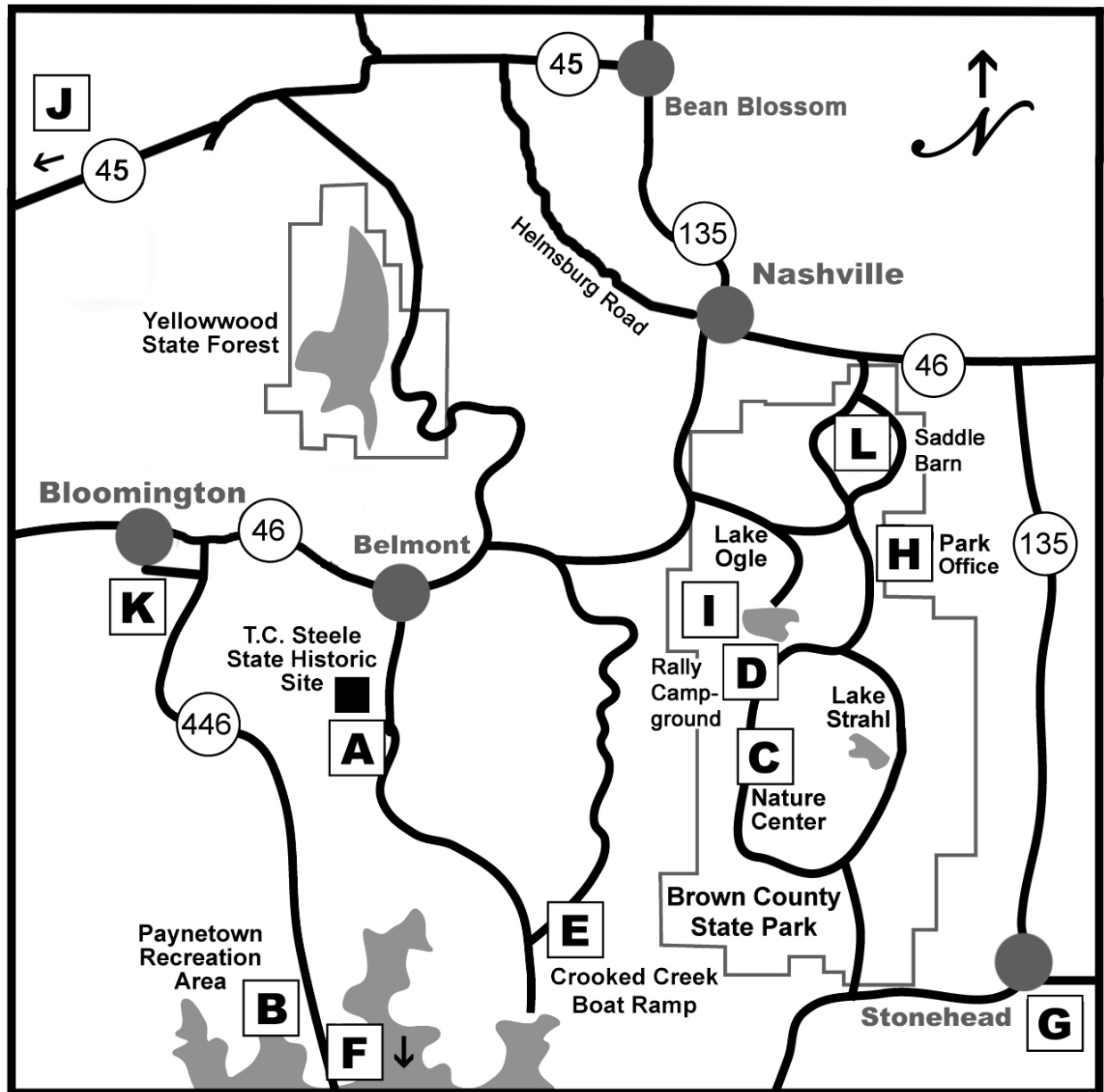
21. **1:00 p.m. Mother Nature's Medicine Cabinet**

Join clinical herbalist Susan Clearwater, R.N., for a 1 ½-hour talk on capturing the healing energy of native and cultivated plants, using supplies from your own kitchen. Meet at **Location A** at the classroom. **ACCESSIBLE**

22. **1:00 p.m. Pixel Kids Nature Photography**

Bring a camera, but leave the parents behind! Join environmental educators Carroll Ritter and Martha Fox of *Outdoor Connections* for a 2 ½-hour nature photography workshop for kids. **Pre-registration is required**, call 812-988-2785. Limited to 15 participants. Meet at **Location A.**

Location Key & Map



Location A: T.C. Steele SHS: From SR 46 at Belmont, drive 1.5 mi. south on TC Steele Road. Meet at upper parking lot near exit. (39.130560 N, -86.348848 W)

Location B: Paynetown State Recreation Area: Follow signs on SR 446 6.5 mi. south of SR 46/446 junction. Meet in parking lot behind office. (39.092449 N, -86.42442 W)

Location C: Brown County State Park, Nature Center: Meet on deck in front. Park map available at entrance; follow signs. (39.150177 N, -86.227902 W)

Location D: Brown County State Park, Rally Campground / Recreation Building: Park map available at entrance; follow signs. For Hike # 12, meet in campground parking lot at trailhead 5. For Sat. dinner (#17) and program (#18) meet at Rec Building at other end of parking lot. (39.92573 N, -86.134488 W)

Location E: Crooked Creek Boat Ramp: 4.9 mi. south of SR 46 on TC Steele Road, bear left when road forks. (39.094014 N, -86.327713 W)

Location F: Allen's Creek: Take SR 446 to 10.1mi. south of SR 46/446 junction. Turn right on Allen's Creek Rd. and follow signs to Allen's Creek SRA. Meet at upper parking area near restrooms. (39.41487 N, -86.09461 W)

Location G: Stone Head: From Nashville, take SR 46 E. 3.1 mi. to SR 135 S. Turn right and drive 5 mi. to T at Stone Head. Parking area on left. (39.129261 N, - 86.157932 W) Note: There may be a detour due to bridge construction, if so follow signs and allow extra travel time.

Location H: Brown County State Park, Office: Meet in parking lot. Park map available at entrance; follow signs. (39.150049 N, -86.228359 W)

Location I: Brown County State Park, Ogle Lake: Meet in parking lot. Park map available at entrance; follow signs. (39.16103 N, -86.24928 W)

Location J: Trevlac Bluffs / Unionville Elementary School: From Nashville, follow Helmsburg Rd. 5.9 mi. to T, and turn left on SR 45. Drive 9.5 mi. to Unionville Elementary School, on left. From Bloomington, from SR 46/446 junction, drive . 4 mi. to first light, turn right on Smith Rd. Drive .6 mi. to T, turn right on SR 45, drive 6.3 mi. to Unionville Elementary School , on right. Meet in parking lot to carpool to Trevlac Bluffs. (39.229760 N, -86.415956 W)

Location K: Winslow Woods: Take SR 446 1mi. south of SR 46/446 junction to flashing light. Turn right on Moore's Pike; drive 1.9 mi, turn left on High St. Drive 1 mi to roundabout, turn right on Winslow Rd.; drive .5 mi. Turn right on Highland Ave. at YMCA sign. Go .5 mi. to Winslow Woods on left. (39.142077 N, -86.516347 W)

Location L: Brown County State Park, Saddle Barn: Meet in parking area. Park map available at entrance; follow signs. (39.11407 N, -86.12854 W)

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR 2015 HIKE & PROGRAM LEADERS

Jeff Belth, Sandy Belth, Leslie Bishop, Susan Clearwater, Cheryl Coon, Susan Douglas, Jim Eagleman, Richard Fields, Martha Fox, Don Glass, Gillian Harris, Mike Kelley, Teena Ligman, Cathy Meyer, Josh Nickelson, Carroll Ritter, David Rupp, Brittany Swinford, Tom Swinford, Jill Vance, Rex Watters, and Kay Yatskievych

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